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Subject: Settlement is anti-competitive itself

Hello,

The proposed settlement that requires Microsoft to donate software to schools will further erode competition. Microsoft for years gave away software, initially, just to reap the benefits of upgrade prices and pricing down the road.

By making Microsoft donate software to schools, you eliminate competition for those software manufacturers who'd have to sell software to those schools.

Microsoft should set up computer trust funds (of sort) for those schools and let the schools decide how to spend the money. But not only schools, nonprofits too. A general fund for nonprofits, that they'd have to apply for, but at least have access to.

Microsoft shouldn't be made to donate their products to schools, Microsoft should donate funds for computer purchases and let the schools decide how to spend their computer dollars. This allow for hardware and software competition in the schools' decision making processes.

Sincerely,

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